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RE: U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/863,254

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Application Number	09/863,254
Filing Date	May 24, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hiroyasu SHINO, et al.
Group Art Unit	3625

AMOUNT ENCLOSED	0.00	Examiner Name	Robert E. Rhode, Jr.
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